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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Fayette

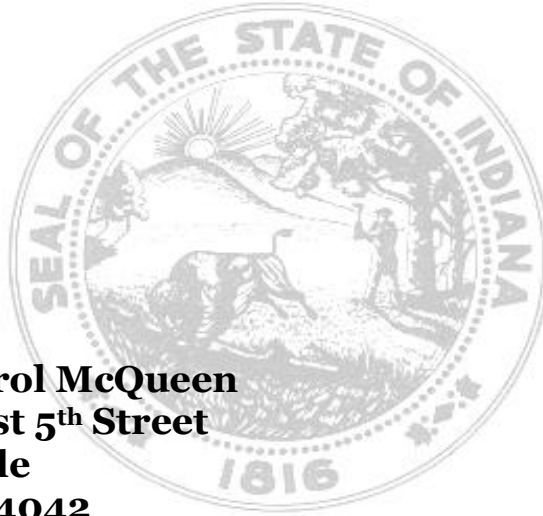
LCC: Fayette County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The Fayette County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition serves as a liaison between and Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana and the citizens of Fayette County. The coalition exists to realize the dream of a drug free Fayette County.

History: The Fayette County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition was founded in September of 1988. The coalition was formed with the idea of bringing together members of the community to address and solve the problems of substance abuse in Fayette County.

Since its inception, the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) has been a functional part of the community. Members of the LCC participated in several groups in an effort to address communication problems between governmental, educational and law enforcement agencies in regards to substance abuse issues. LCC members have also served on councils that are indirectly related to substance abuse such as child abuse and teen pregnancy groups.

In recent years, the membership of the Fayette County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition has declined. With decreasing membership, our productivity has also decreased. Achieving the goals of our comprehensive plan has been challenging. The current board hopes to rejuvenate the coalition.

The comprehensive plan covers Fayette County, Indiana. The county seat is Connersville. This plan is directed at 25,000 plus citizens of Fayette County. Several small cities/towns are within Fayette County: Alpine, Everton, Lyonsville, Springersville, Waterloo, Bentonville, Nulltown, Orange, Glenwood, Falmouth, Fairview and Alquina. Connersville, Fayette County, is located 57 miles southeast of Indianapolis, 52 miles northwest of Cincinnati, and 216 miles southeast of Chicago, Illinois. Interstate 70 is 15 miles north while Interstate 74 is 30 miles south of Connersville. Fayette County is at the crossroads of America and is located directly in the main transit line of drug trafficking activity.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: Fayette County's Comprehensive Community Plan for 2014 reflects the vision and planning of the Board of Directors and the general membership reacting to the needs of our community. This plan attempts to be clear, concise, and appropriate and doable. The problem statements are:

1. Fayette County adolescents are consuming alcohol.
2. Adult misuse of prescription drugs is having a negative impact on the quality of life in Fayette County.

These problem statements are the result of LCC members representing a variety of knowledgeable community experts. The membership is committed to fulfilling the goals outlined in this plan in hopes of creating a healthier, more viable Fayette County.

Membership List

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Jeff Lang	IN Excise Police	W	M	Law Enforcement (LE)
2	Rhonda Friend	Centerstone	W	F	Treatment
3	Joey Laughlin	Fayette County Sheriff	W	M	LE
4	Kathryn Schichte	Fayette County School Corp	W	F	Education
5	Trent Liggett	Fayette County School Corp	W	M	Education
6	Jenna Turner	Fayette County Probation	W	F	LE
7	Craig Pennington	Connersville Police Department	W	M	LE
8	Sarah Hall	Family Services and Prevention	W	F	Prevention
9	Key Peyton	Family Services and Prevention	W	F	Prevention
10	Dale Richmond	Family Services and Prevention	W	M	Prevention
11	Holly Dunn	Fayette County Schools	W	F	Education
12	Kevin Perry	Connersville PD	W	M	LE
13	Sharon Cranfill	House of Ruth Treatment Center	W	F	Treatment
14	Randy Judd	Fayette County Schools	W	M	Education

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: Fayette County adolescents are consuming alcohol.

B. Supportive Data:

1. Centerstone provided services to 145 teens with alcohol diagnosis.
2. 53.3% of Fayette County youth received free lunches and 7.4% received reduced price lunches in 2011.
3. Fayette County residents has a per capita income of \$18,982 compared to Indiana's per capita of \$24,058 in 2011.
4. Between 2006 and 2011, 19.4% of Fayette County residents lived below the poverty level compared to Indiana's rate of 13.5%.
5. In 2012, Fayette County had 34% single family households compared to Indiana's 32%.
6. In 2010, Fayette County students have a 78.3% graduation rate compared to Indiana's 84%.
7. In 2012, Excise Police reported the following: 49 retail compliance checks. 7 sold to minors, 3 arrests for minors entering alcohol establishments, 1 false identification arrest. 7 alcohol business citations and 3 business alcohol warnings.
8. Between 8-2011 and 6-2012 Connersville Middle School completed 30 drug tests with 0 positive for alcohol.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. Centerstone has 24 persons enrolled in a Motivational Enhancement program with 7 of those completed. Centerstone also has 39 persons enrolled in Living in Balance with 15 of those completed.
2. 56.2% of Fayette County students received free lunch in 2013 this is an increase of 5 students from 2012. The number of students receiving reduced price lunches remains at 7.4%, however the number of students decreased from 305 to 290. Data source Kids Count Data Center.
3. Fayette County residents had a per capita income of \$28,590 compared to Indiana's per capita of \$35,689. Data source Kids Count Data Center.
4. In 2011 30.7 % of Fayette County children under the age of 18 lived in poverty compared to Indiana's rate of 22 %. Data Source- Kids Count Data Center.
5. In 2012 Fayette County had 34% single family households compared to Indiana's rate of 32%.
6. In 2012 Fayette County had a graduation rate of 92.1% compared to the state rate of 88.4%. Data source Kids Count Data Center.
7. In 2012 Fayette County Probation reported 24 juvenile alcohol arrests and 12 drug related juvenile arrests.
8. In 2012 Fayette County Probation reported 24 juvenile alcohol related arrests.
9. In 2013 Excise Police reported 33 retail compliance checks, 2 business warnings and 1 business violation. 4 minors were arrested for the following violations: 1 minor entering a tavern and 1 possession of false identification. Data source Jeff Lang-Indiana Excise Police.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. Juvenile treatment and referral information for Centerstone in 2013 is not available.
2. In 2013 55.4 % of Fayette County students receive free lunches. 8.5% receive reduced price lunches. The number of free lunches decreased from 56.2% last year. Data source- Kids Count Data Center.

3. In 2013 Fayette County's median income was \$33,998. This is an increase from \$28,590 in the last report. Data Source- Kids Count Data Center.
4. Current poverty rates were not located. The last report was for the year 2012 which indicated that 25.7% of Fayette County kids lived in poverty. Data Source- Kids Count Data Center.
5. Current data on the number of Fayette County children living in single parent households was not available. The last data was for the 2012 year which indicated that 34% of Fayette County children lived in single parent households.
6. The graduation rate for 2013 is 91.43% this is down about a percent from 2012. Data source-Connersville High School.
7. In 2014 Fayette County Probation received 15 juvenile cases for alcohol offenses. Data Source- Fayette County Probation supervisor Jenna Turner.
8. In 2014 Indiana Excise Police reported 46 retail compliance checks. 45 passed and 1 failed. Data source- Jeff Lang IEP.
9. The Connersville Middle School received no positive drug tests.

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C. Goals:

1. Increase arrests of persons contributing to minors.
2. Increase the number of youth assessed and referred to treatment for alcohol abuse.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. In 2013 the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the Connersville Police Department arrested 18 persons for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. These statistics appear to be an increase from the data provided for 2012.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. In 2014 the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the Connersville Police Department arrested 14 persons for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. This is a decrease of 4 persons from 2013.
2. The number of youth assessed to difficult to determine due to various number of treatment agencies.

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D. Objectives:

1. Assist law enforcement with the implementation of programs to identify and arrest persons for contributing minors and minor consumption activities.
2. Educate community leaders on the impact of youth alcohol use and abuse
3. Educate parents and members of the community on the impact of youth alcohol use and abuse.
4. Ensure treatment and referral needs are met for youth.
5. Determine environmental factors that can be implemented in the county to deter minor consumption and contribution of alcohol.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. The coalition purchased 5 portable breath tests (PBT) instruments. These will assist law enforcement in minor consumption and contribution arrests.
2. The coalition is funding a program with the Ha-Ven. The Ha-Ven is a program geared towards youth with the concept of treating the whole family. The program helps raise awareness for parents, members of the community and youth about the use of alcohol and drugs. The Ha-Ven recently published an article in the local newspaper which serves to raise awareness with the community and community leaders.
3. The coalition organized and funded Red Ribbon Week. This serves as awareness and deterrence about drug and alcohol use in elementary aged children in Fayette County.
4. Centerstone continues to take referrals for treatment. The coalition funded treatment programs named Motivational Enhancement and Thinking for a Change.
5. The coalition continues to support the implementation of programs that will identify environmental factors that can deter drug abuse. In 2013, the coalition funded a program through House of Ruth. The program ensures that treatment and referral needs are met for women who enter the program.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. The coalition purchased 10 portable breath test (PBT) instruments for the Connersville Police Department. These instruments will assist in the enforcement of minor consumption laws.
2. The Ha-Ven is a local youth program which receives funding through and coalition. The Ha-Ven is housed in downtown Connersville. Several support groups meet in the facility. The programs are centered on the whole family which assists in awareness of alcohol abuse in families.
3. In the summer of 2014, the Ha-Ven sponsored a pool party with the assistance of the coalition. Over 300 youth attended the party. The party was alcohol and drug free and provided motivational speakers along with positive bands.
4. The coalition funded Red Ribbon Week the last week of October 2014. Activities included an art contest. Winners of the contest painted their art on downtown windows. The painting stayed on the windows for a week in order to increase

- community awareness of alcohol and drug use. All Fayette County students were provided with an arm band. The band had a drug and alcohol free message on it.
5. Centerstone continues to take referrals for treatment. The coalition provided funding for 2 programs: Motivational Enhancement and Thinking for a Change. These are both treatment programs for youth as well as adults.

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A. Problem Statement #2: Adult misuse of prescription drugs is having a negative impact on the quality of life in Fayette County.

B. Supportive Data:

1. Coroner data regarding drug overdoses in Fayette County.
2. In 2013, Fayette County Sheriff's Department reported 32 arrests for dealing in a controlled substance.
3. Centerstone reports treating 117 adults for opiate dependence in 2012.
4. In 2012, the probation department reported 1 offense for a fraudulent prescription.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. In 2013 the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and Connersville Police Department reported 103 arrests for dealing in controlled substances.
2. The coroner reported 29 deaths of persons under the age of 54.
3. The number of adults being treated for dependency is not available.
4. In 2013 the Connersville Police Department and the Fayette County Sheriff's Department received 85 reports of forgery and fraud. The department's report 56 arrests for forgery and fraud.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. As of November 2014, the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the Connersville Police Department reported 71 arrests for dealing in controlled substances.
2. According to the local law enforcement data base which is mostly aligned with the local coroner's office, at least 45 deaths have been reported for persons under the age of 54 in 2014. This is an increase from 2013.
3. Centerstone has 344 persons in treatment for addiction.

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C. Goals:

1. Increase the number of adults receiving treatment for opiate addictions.
2. Increase arrests for prescription drug activity, including those crimes commonly associated with drug seeking activity.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The number of adults receiving treatment is difficult to determine at this time no statistics are available.
2. The arrest statistics are difficult to compare because more data is available of 2013. It does appear that the number of arrests has increased.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. Centerstone is currently treating 344 persons for addictions.
2. As of November 2014 the Connersville Police Department and the Fayette County Sheriff's Department have made 71 arrests for dealing charges. This number is a decrease from 2013.

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D. Objectives:

1. Assist law enforcement with the implementation of programs to identify and arrest person for criminal activity related to prescription drug abuse.
2. Educate community leaders on the impact of prescription drug abuse.
3. Educate parents and members of the community on the impact of prescription drug abuse.
4. Ensure treatment and referral needs are met for adults.
5. Determine environmental factors that can be implemented in the county to deter prescription drug use.

End of Year 1 Update:

1. The coalition funded training for 8 officers to attend the 2013 Indiana Drug Enforcement Association Conference. The conference was held early in 2013 in Indianapolis. The training is the most up to date in drug interdiction and identification.

2. The coalition funded Red Ribbon Week which serves as an effort to increase awareness.
3. During Red Ribbon Week, students participated in an art contest. The winners painted downtown windows. This was an effort to increase awareness of community members.
4. The coalition provided money to the K9 program at the Connersville Police Department. The K9 and officer have done 6 demonstrations this year which serve as community awareness.
5. The coalition funded random drug testing for the Connersville Middle School. The testing increases awareness for parents and students involved.
6. Centerstone continues to accept referrals and treat adults.
7. The Ha-Van serves as a “watch area” for juveniles where the adults involved can determine factors that could lead to drug abuse and addresses those concerns.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. The coalition provided funding for 8 local law enforcement officers to attend training in Indianapolis. The training was presented by the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association. It represents the latest training on interdiction and identification of narcotics and other illegal substances.
2. Funding was provided to the Connersville Police Department for the purchase of 6 new drug testing kits along with the refills for those kits. These test kits assist law enforcement in identifying persons who participate in drug seeking activity.
3. The coalition’s funding of Red Ribbon Week served as community awareness. This year’s theme was “SWAG” (Students Who Achieve Goals Drug Free) Students who won an art contest painted their art on downtown windows. This event was attended by the winners along with their families, about 80 persons in attendance. Each of the over 3000 Fayette County students received an arm band with an anti drug use message to wear throughout the week.
4. Additional funding was provided to the local high school’s SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) program. The SADD program serves to educate parents and members of the community on the impact of drug use.
5. The coalition partially funded an awareness event this summer at Robert’s Park in Connersville. The event “Family Fun Day in the Park” was attended by over 100 persons. The event included information about drug use and abuse, free food, free kids games and free music.
6. The LCC supported programs for a local treatment center for women. The center, The House of Ruth provided services to 13 women in 2014. The total number of women served since inception in 2010 has been 35 women.
7. The coalition provides funding for The Ha-Ven. The programs at the Ha-Ven support both of the coalition’s problem statements of youth alcohol abuse and adult opiate abuse. Adult awareness is increased with the message that the youth bring home. Community members and leaders are educated on the impact of drug use and abuse through volunteering in the programs through local churches and organizations. The Ha-Ven averages 40-75 students. Each fall a mentoring program is offered to 25 students. These kids are our communities most at risk freshman. The Ha-ven switched to a 12 Step program geared towards teens 15-20 years old every

- Thursday. Last year, it averaged 2-3 students each meeting. Over 300 kids attend the pool party. Throughout the week of county fair, hundreds of students come through the tent to allow relationship building with the community's youth.
8. The coalition provided partial funding to the Connersville Police Department K-9 fund. The new K9, Leo, completed training in November of 2014 and is currently working. Leo has participated in daily sniffs in order to assist in the identification and arrests of persons involved in drug seeking activity. The K9 and handler have participated in public demonstrations in order to raise awareness of drug abuse issues.
 9. The coalition provided funding to the Connersville Middle School for drug testing. The school tested 41 students in the last school year. The school reported 0 positive tests.

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